



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
2018 District 7 Spring Meeting
Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/06/2018	7:00 PM	Fin N Feather, Winneconne, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dale Maas at 7:00 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	All delegates not listed as Excused or Un-Excused plus Kendall Kampke (DNR), Travis Motl (DNR), Ellen Barth (DNR), Chris Sher (DNR), Jeff Pritzel (DNR), Andy Paulios (DNR),
EXCUSED	Linda DeNell, Michael Pfankuch, Clarence Koch, Fred Wollenburg
UNEXCUSED	Nancy Katzbeck, Karen Wollenburg, Scott Bestul, Jim Johnson, Curt Reimer, Genie Metoyer, Douglas Nelson
GUESTS	Dan Strainbrook

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Discussion on agenda.
ACTION	Agenda was followed as printed. Discussion on cameras in sturgeon holes was added to the agenda.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	No discussion on mission statement.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	There were no public comments from any guests.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Spring Hearing Questions - Fisheries Staff

Kendall Kamke and Travis Motl (DNR)

DISCUSSION	Kendall and Travis read questions 1-9 and tried to answer any questions that were brought up on the resolutions. Only the questions that received the most interest will be mentioned. Mike Arrowood questioned why we were catering to bass tournaments in Question 2. Kendall thought it might be because of possible economic impacts the tournament might bring. Comments from delegates favored having tournament anglers following the rules that were in place on the lake. Question #8 on reducing the walleye bag limit on the Winnebago system also got a lot of discussion. Kendall provided a good background for the question. A size limit does not change exploitation as much as it changes the size of the fish taken and can cause more females to be taken. Question #9 on flathead catfish is to reduce exploitation because their numbers are declining.	
ACTION	No action required.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Spring Hearing Questions - Wildlife Management Staff

Jeff Pritzel, Ellen Barth, Andy Paulios -DNR

DISCUSSION	Quite a bit of discussion on Question #10 on transporting deer in CWD affected areas. Jeff did a good job of explaining the reason for the question and issues related to this. A CWD county is an affected county regardless if it is wild deer or confined deer that are infected.	
ACTION	No action required.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Natural Resources Board Questions

Chris Sher (DNR)

DISCUSSION	Chris explained the difference and how the Natural Resources questions are originated. Question #16 Mike Arrowood questioned how or where the money raised would be used and how and who would be enforcing this. This question would require legislation. There was quite a bit of discussion on Question #18 with mixed views. Dale explained why the WCC question relating to this question was removed so as to eliminate confusion between the two resolutions.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. District Leadership Questions

Dale Maas led the WCC Questions

DISCUSSION	No discussion on Questions 19-21.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Warm Water Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Questions 22-30 Mike Arrowood questioned why there was so much emphasis on size and bag limits and such little emphasis on habitat improvements and improving production. Questions #27 & 28 brought up discussion on why there wasn't more uniform rules on bass across the state. Dale explained the problem with all the small catfish on Beaver Dam lake and urged support of this resolution.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Trout Committee Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Question #31 - There was quite a bit of discussion on this. Some were concerned about how it would affect the fishery in the northern part of the state. A few delegates questioned how it would affect the Lake Trout. There was also a discussion on this creating another set of regulations on fishing because fishing starts statewide on the first Saturday in May.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. Fur Harvest Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	No Discussion	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

H. Outdoor Heritage Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	There was quite a bit of discussion on Question #33 on the direction hunter safety is taking and the online instruction part of it. Not as many kids signing up for hunter safety. Question #35 there was questions if a resident moved to another state could they return and hunt even if they were a felon, and how would they be detected. Also a lot of questions on the fee structure.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

I. Deer & Elk, Mississippi, Great Lakes, and Bear

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	No discussion	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

J. Environmental Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Question #43 generated some discussion. Most delegates seemed concerned about this issue and felt this issue was important.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

K. Legislative Questions

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Some discussion on Question #46-47 on guides license requirements and fees. There seemed to be good support for both questions 46 and 47. There was also a question if a person had a captains license do they still need a Wisconsin guides license. Also questions on #49-52 regarding do we really need to register these? It was explained that it was to help identify who owns a boat if it was found capsized in a water body. It would help safety personnel in determining if the have to search or a body or if is a floating boat by helping locate an owner. It is also question what kind of fee they are looking at accessing for this.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

L. Wolf Questions

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Little discussion on this.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

M. DNR Staff Updates - Fisheries

Travis Motl and Kendall Kamke

DISCUSSION	Travis said they offered very few commercial carp contracts statewide. Beaver Dam lake was one of the few that awarded contracts. This was due to non compliance by the commercial fisherman. Kendall updated on the 3-bag resolution. There was also discussion on walleye harvest on Battle on Bago Tournament.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

N. DNR Staff Updates - Warden Update

Chris Sher

DISCUSSION	In the last three years 38 Conservation Wardens were hired and looking at hiring another 5 wardens in 2018. In the process of hiring 6 new conservation wardens and revamped the recreational program. Two thirds of the work load will be with hunter safety and other recreational vehicle safety programs. Will be hiring recreational skills staff that will be non-credentialed. Also working with the changes in responsibilities for parks and recreation and enforcement. In the northeast region they will be filling 7 vacancies. There will only be 3 vacancies (Green Bay, Calumet, and Manitowoc counties. There is no warden in Dodge County and there are 8 wardens sharing responsibility of coverage.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

O. Wildlife Staff Updates

Jeff Pritzel and Ellen Barth

DISCUSSION	They have hired the supervisor for R3 in the state. Jeff will continue to be the R3 liaison for the northeast region. Biologist in Berlin Jim H. retired and hope to fill that position soon. Ellen and Jim will fill in for Jim for the CDAC's until the position is filled.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

P. WCC Annual Meeting, Spring Hearings, and Misc Info

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Talked about procedures regarding county meetings for elections, hearing officer responsibilities and WCC chair roles and responsibilities. Talked about screening resolutions to make sure they are appropriate and meet the requirements. Kendall Kamke questioned what happened to last year's resolution on the use of cameras in sturgeon holes. They are getting a lot of calls on it and it is a hot item. Need to get feedback and direction from the public on this issue. Decided to discuss this now rather than in members matters. A lot of discussion followed. The sturgeon advisory committee voted on the issue and the vote was 17 against and 4 in favor of cameras. (Arrowood) Kendall would like the same resolution voted on at each of the counties around the lake and 1 tier back. Reminder to update delegate profile info after the election. Also talked about downloading, printing, and distribution of notice on Spring Hearings. Harold Drake discussed the shooting ranges and polled delegates from each county to update the shooting range information for District 7. The main thing was to make sure that the ranges were still open and what services they offered. Discussed code of procedure changes. Discussed committee assignments and asked if anyone wanted to change committees if there was opening. Dale asked everyone to think about making award recommendations for anyone on the Congress that they feel is deserving. All the rest of the items on the agenda were brought up for discussion but there wasn't much discussion on the remaining items.	
ACTION	Draft a standard resolution to be presented at each county around the lake and one tier county back. Bob was going to send last year's resolution, but Mike Arrowood said he would re-write it and distribute it.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Mike Arrowood and Bob Haase		

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Dale brought up trying to get some new fish and wildlife mounts for the Conservation Congress traveling display. Anyone that has a mount they might want to donate or know someone that does should call Dale. Discussion on CWD and the lack of things that are being done to trying to control it. Scott Strook will be moving out of the county and as a result will be stepping down from his delegate position for Dodge County. He was on the Congress for 30 years and will look at running if a position would open up in the county he will be moving to. The passing of Dick Koerner was brought up for those that might not have know about it. He will be missed!	
ACTION		

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	10:11 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Bob Haase
DATE	03/19/2018